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SUBJECT: CHARTER FLIGHT REGULATIONS

REF: PORT-OF-SPAIN 1590

1. US CAB REGULATIONS DO ALLOW SOME KINDS OF ONE-WAY
CHARTER FLIGHTS AND ONE-WAY PASSENGERS ON SOME ROUND TRIP
CHARTERS. GENERALLY SPEAKING, TRAVEL AGENCIES MAY BOTH
ACT AS AGENTS FOR SOMEONE ELSE WHO CHARTERS AN AIRCRAFT
AND MAY THEMSELVES CHARTER AN AIRCRAFT. THEY CAN ACT
AS AN AGENT FOR THREE CHARTER TYPES WHERE ONE-WAY
TRAVEL IS PERMISSABLE:

A) AFFINITY CHARTERS - WHERE PASSENGER MUST
BE AFFILIATED WITH AN ORGANIZATION--IF THE
ORGANIZATION RUNS MORE THAN 4 ROUND-TRIP
FLIGHTS PER YEAR, NO MORE THAN 5 OF THE
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TICKETS SOLD MAY BE ONE-WAY TICKETS; ANY
NUMBER OF ONE-WAY TICKETS MAY BE SOLD IF
LESS THAN 4 ROUND-TRIP FLIGHTS ARE ORGANIZED.

B) SINGLE ENTITY CHARTERS - WHERE ONE COMPANY
OR INDIVIDUAL MAY USE THE AGENT TO CONTRACT
FOR THE AIRPLANE, WHICH CAN PROVIDE TRANS-

PORTATION ONE-WAY OR ROUND TRIP FOR ANYONE THE CHARTERER WANTS TO CARRY, BUT WHERE NEITHER THE CHARTERER NOR THE AGENT MAY GET ANY REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE TRAVELERS FOR THE TRAVEL (SOME EXAMPLES ARE CHARTERS TO TRANSFER SHIPS CREWS OR TO CARRY GUESTS TO GAMBLING CASINOS). AGENTS USUSALLY GET A COMMISSION FROM THE CARRIER ON SINGLE ENTITY AND AFFINITY CHARTERS AND THE CHARTERER USUALLY SELECTS THE TRAVELERS.

- C) ABC'S OR ADVANCE BOOKING CHARTERS - A RECENT CAB ACTION PROVIDED THAT FOR 90-DAY TRIAL PERIOD FROM APRIL 18-JULY 18, ORGANIZERS CAN OFFER ONE-WAY TRANSPORTATION DIRECTLY TO PUBLIC ON INDIVIDUAL BASIS ON ADVANCE BOOKING CHARTERS, PROVIDED CHARTER FLIGHT MEETS ALL BASIC REQUIREMENTS OF ABC'S. THE AGENT CAN SELL ONE-WAY TICKETS FOR THE ABC ORGANIZER (CHARTERER) IF THE ABC ORGANIZER AUTHORIZES THIS. ALSO, THE AGENT CAN HIMSELF CHARTER ALL OR PART OF THE AIRCRAFT IN WHICH CASE HE BECOMES THE ORGANIZER.

2. DEPARTMENT REALIZES SUBJECT OF CHARTERS IS A COMPLEX ONE. WE HOPE FOREGOING HAS BEEN BRIEF ENOUGH TO HOLD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POST'S ATTENTION, AND YET DETAILED ENOUGH TO BE MEANINGFUL. BOTTOM LINE ANSWER TO POST'S QUERY IS THAT ONE-WAY CHARTER TRAVEL MAY BE SOLD BY AGENTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES. IF POST WISHES PURSUE ISSUE FURTHER, IT CAN PROVIDE DEPARTMENT WITH SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES, AND WE WILL PROVIDE ANSWER. VANCE

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